REPORT

DATE:

January 4, 2007

TO:

Regional Council

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Use of SCAG Logo for Caltrans Transit Security Conference

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize Caltrans to use SCAG logo as part of seminar sponsorship.

BACKGROUND:

Caltrans requested SCAG assist in the sponsorship of a Mass Transit Security Seminar to be held at the Long Beach Convention Center on January 25, 2007. The sponsorship is for the use of the SCAG logo in the brochure and associated seminar material.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact. Use of the logo is without charge, and Caltrans is not requesting any SCAG funds to assist in supporting the seminar.

Reviewed by:

Division Manager

Reviewed by:

Department Director

Reviewed by:

Chief Financial Officer

Mass Transit Initiative



"Mass Transit Security Seminar"



Invitation

The California Governor's Office of Homeland Security Exercise Branch (CA OHSEB) and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) invite you to attend the "Mass Transit Security" Seminar scheduled on **Thursday**, *January 25*, *2007* to kick off the state-wide Mass Transit Initiative.

Purpose of the Seminar:

- Bring California transit agencies (bus & passenger rail) together
- Discuss common issues and concerns regarding transit security
- ⇒ Presentation on After Action Report (AAR) from 2006 Caltrans Response & Recovery Workshops
- Learn what is being done at the state and Federal level regarding transit security and funding
- ⇒ Intelligence & Transit Making the Connection

This one-day Seminar will consist of key speakers, a discussion panel and breakout sessions.

This will be the first in a series of exercises coordinated/designed by the Office of Homeland Security and Caltrans in an effort to improve capabilities to prevent or deter terrorist actions targeting mass transit systems, as well as improve response and recovery efforts following terrorist attacks or catastrophic events.

Who should attend?:

Transit Security professionals from all public transit agencies (bus & passenger rail), Federal, State and local agency transit security representatives.

Conference Details:

Date:

Thursday, January 25, 2007

Time:

8:30 am - 4:00 pm (registration begins at 8:00 am)

Location:

Long Beach Convention Center

300 E. Ocean Blvd Long Beach, CA 90802

Cost:

Registration FREE for all participants. A working lunch will be provided at no cost.

Area Hotels:

See attached info

http://www.chamberhub.com/cgi/foxweb.dll/wlx/dir/wlxdirecatn?catid=1209&city=&lcZip=&client=LONGBC

Please RSVP by Friday, January 12, 2007 @ 5:00 pm

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2006 Mass Transit Security Seminar

Background

Transit is a critical, high risk and high consequence national asset. Everyday transit provides mobility to millions of Americans in our most densely populated urban areas and serves the largest economical and financial centers in the nation. In one month, transit moves more passengers than U.S. airlines move in a year. Transit is designed and operated as an open environment—it is by its very nature a high risk, high consequence target for terrorists. Nationally, more than 9.5 billion passengers a year ride our transit systems. Transit subways travel under key government buildings, business centers, and harbors.

The U.S.D.O.T Office of Intelligence and Security estimated that in the 1990's transit was the target of **20 to 35 percent of terrorist attacks worldwide**. Worldwide, transit has been a frequent terrorist target, including bombings in the London and Paris subways, the sarin gas attack in Tokyo, the recent train bombings in India and bus bombings in Israel.

The transportation critical infrastructure must be secured to protect the national economy, the traveling public, and our way of life.

Mass Transit Security Seminar

The California Governor's Office of Homeland Security and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will host the first statewide "Mass Transit Security" Seminar to kick off the Mass Transit Initiative. The seminar will take place in Long, Beach, CA on **Thursday**, **January 25**, **2007**.

The Mass Transit Initiative seeks to provide a series of exercises and technical assistance for the Mass Transit Functional Area addressing the major mass transportation systems within the State of California. The goals of this initiative are to:

- improve and exercise the capability to prevent or deter terrorist actions at mass transit systems;
- > improve and exercise the capability to respond and recover from catastrophic events:
- > integrate transit resources with public response to threatened or actual terrorist actions

This Seminar will bring operations and security professionals from all public transportation agencies together with State and Federal industry professionals to discuss common concerns and problems related to transit security and funding.

The Seminar will include a presentation on the After Action Report (AAR) developed following the Caltrans Response and Recovery Workshops in October of 2006. The issues identified will be discussed and addressed during this and future conferences. Caltrans will be providing technical assistance to smaller transit agencies in rural areas. OHS and Caltrans will work to integrate smaller transit agencies into future exercises.

The focus will be to identify common issues regarding transit security, as well as best practices and lessons learned. This Seminar will be the first in a series of exercises, to include a Workshop, tabletop exercises (TTX) and future full scale exercises (FSE), including opportunities for transit agencies to participate in the state-wide Golden Guardian Exercise. These exercises will focus on integrating transit agencies, first responder agencies and intelligence sources to improve networking and working relationships to enhance future prevention, protection, response and recovery efforts.

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Conference Topics

Overview of OHS Training & Exercise Division

> How OHS can assist with exercises and training opportunities

Overview of state-wide Mass Transit Initiative

Exercise series designed to improve and exercise the capability to prevent or deter terrorist actions at mass transit systems and the capability to respond and recover from catastrophic events.

Intelligence and Transit - Making the Connection

Overview of the State Terrorism Threat Assessment Center (STTAC) and the Regional Terrorism Threat Assessment Centers (RTTAC)

Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

Surface Transportation Security Inspector Program

State and Federal Transit Funding

- > Discussion panel including state and federal agencies to discuss future transit funding
- > Presentation regarding Proposition 1b

Breakouts

Transit agencies and representatives from various Federal, state and local agencies to meet regionally to network and discuss issues related to transit security